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the fall for membership terms beginning September 15 for the Judicial Council and November 1 for most advisory committees; terms of service for task forces vary. Nomination forms for the Judicial Council and advisory committees are available on the California Courts Web site.

Occasional vacancies occur during the year. If you

would like to be considered for any vacancies, you may submit information about yourself on the "interest card" at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/nomform.htm. The advisory committees' roles and responsibilities are described in the California Rules of Court, which also list the membership categories for each committee. To ensure that your interests, qualifications, and experience are suited to the group in which you wish to serve, before submitting your interest card, please review the information at the above Web site.

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Court Stats 2001

The latest California court workload statistics show that filings in the California Supreme Court increased 9 percent in 1999–2000, while filings in the Courts of Appeal and superior courts held steady. The online edition of the Judicial Council's *Court Statistics Report* is at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/csr2001.pdf.

"A Responsibility and an Obligation"

At the Pro Bono Awards presentation during the State Bar's recent annual meeting in Anaheim, Chief Justice Ronald M. George declared that "giving back to the community and improving the administration of justice through pro bono contributions" is essential to the profession of law. The Chief Justice's speech is available online at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/speech090701.htm. His State of the Judiciary address, which he also delivered at the State Bar annual meeting, can be found at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/soj0901.htm.

Unpublished Opinions Go Online

Since October 1, unpublished opinions of the state Courts of Appeal have been posted on the California Courts Web site. To view unpublished opinions, go to www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/nonpub.htm.

New Resource for Family and Juvenile Law

Explore the Center for Families, Children & the Courts' redesigned site for information related to family, juvenile, child support, custody, visitation, and domestic violence law and procedure. Go to www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/.

Judicial Appointments

The Governor announced the following judicial appointments in September and October 2001.

SUPREME COURT

Carlos Moreno, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, to Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, succeeding Stanley Mosk, deceased.

COURTS OF APPEAL

Richard M. Aronson,

Superior Court of Orange County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, filling a newly created position.

Paul Boland, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Eight, filling a newly created position.

Candace D. Cooper, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two, to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Eight, filling a newly created position.

Richard Mosk, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five, succeeding Ramona Godoy Perez, deceased.

Dennis M. Perluss, Superior Court of Los Angeles

County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Seven, succeeding Richard Neal, retired.

Laurence D. Rubin, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Eight, filling a newly created position.

TRIAL COURTS

David W. Abbott to the Superior Court of Sacramento County, filling a newly created position.

Susan M. Breall to the Superior Court of San Francisco County, filling a newly created position.

Leslie E. Brown to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Glenette Blackwell, retired.

Cormac J. Carney to the Superior Court of Orange County, succeeding Jack Mandel, retired.

Rene A. Chouteau to the Superior Court of Sonoma County, succeeding Frank J. Passalacqua, retired.

James Di Cesare to the Superior Court of Orange County, filling a newly created position. **John T. Doyle** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Donald F. Pitts, retired.

Martin Herscovitz to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Dennis M. Perluss, who was appointed to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Seven.

Ann I. Jones to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Richard G. Berry, retired.

John D. Kirihara to the Superior Court of Merced County, succeeding Dennis A. Cornell, who was appointed to the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District.

Richard H. Kirschner to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding William J. McVittie, retired.

Kirk H. Nakamura to the Superior Court of Orange County, succeeding Robert Thomas, retired.

Kenneth E. Norman to the Superior Court of Alameda County, succeeding John Burke, retired.

John M. Pacheco to the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, filling a newly created position.

Cynthia Rayvis to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding George P. Schiavelli, retired.

Randolf J. Rice to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, succeeding Nancy Hoffman, retired.

Frank Roesch to the Superior Court of Alameda County, succeeding Dean Beaupre, retired.

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Dorothy L. Shubin to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Roy M. Carstairs, retired.

Marjorie S. Steinberg to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Robert M. Mallano, who was appointed to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One.

William N. Sterling to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Kathryn Doi Todd, who was appointed to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two.

Emily Vasquez to the Superior Court of Sacramento County, filling a newly created position

Alice Vilardi to the Superior Court of Alameda County, succeeding Joseph J. Carson, retired.

Lydia Villarreal to the Superior Court of Monterey County, succeeding William D. Curtis, retired.

Katrina West to the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, filling a newly created position.

Denise Whitehead to the Superior Court of Fresno County, filling a newly created position.

Erica R. Yew to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, succeeding Melinda Stewart, retired. ■

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Calendar

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DEC 5–7 Beyond the Bench, Monterey

JAN 24–26 NADCP Juvenile and Family Drug Court Training Conference, Reno JAN 25–26 California Judges Association's Employment Litigation 2002, San Diego

JAN 28–29 Trial Court Budget Conference, San Francisco

JAN 30-FEB 1 California Judicial Administration Conference, San Francisco

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All Judicial Council business meetings will be held at the Administrative Office of the Courts in San Francisco unless otherwise noted.

DEC 18 JAN 30

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JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Programs

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DEC 13-14 Computer Class, Los Angeles

JAN 6–11 Continuing Judicial Studies Program, Winter Session, Monterey

JAN 24–25 Computer Class, San Francisco FEB 7–9 Criminal Law Institute, Costa Mesa

FEB 22–23 Probate and Mental Health Institute, Sonoma

FEB 28-MAR 2 Civil Law Institute, San Diego

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• Contact: Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), 415-865-7753.

Orientation

Orientation programs for new trial court judges, commissioners, and referees are scheduled as follows:

DEC 17–21 JAN 7–11 FEB 25–MAR 1

Note: Orientation sessions with insufficient enrollment will be canceled. Call CJER for the latest information.

• Contact: CJER, 415-865-7745.

ADMINISTRATIVE EDUCATION

MAR 19–22 Executive Leadership (location to be announced)

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